



### **WEPC Lectionary Project: *Union with Christ***

West End Presbyterian Church is using the Scripture readings recommended by the Revised Common Lectionary as a framework for our corporate worship and our personal and family devotion. This project is part of WEPC's 25th Anniversary Year and will run from December 2018 through November 2019. The Lectionary gives us access to the whole counsel of Scripture and these texts are a means for us to grow in our understanding of our union with Christ.

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### **A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of February 3, 2019**

This week, Josiah Bancroft preached on **Philippians 3:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. <sup>2</sup> Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup> though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

#### **Joy: We Find Jesus When We Trust Only Him**

Introduction: What Happened to Your Joy?

1. Joy reveals what your heart trusts
  - a. An evidence of your faith
  - b. Joy connects to your identity
  - c. Paul's struggle in faith
2. Joy comes from trusting only Jesus
  - a. No confidence in the flesh brings 'loss.'
  - b. Loss of all things - repentance
3. Finding Jesus! – faith
  - a. No righteousness of my own
  - b. Righteousness from God
  - c. New focus brings joy and more
4. True Maturity in Christ

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